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## Field Work

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### RELIGION AND THE CHURCHES

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#### WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR THE YOUNG AND BY THEM

According to the *Minneapolis Journal* of Oct. 19, co-operative study by the pupils of the elementary schools of Minneapolis is reported by Supt. W. F. Webster. The pupils coach each other. They gather in small groups in the corners of the class room, or study room and discuss the subject among themselves.

*The teacher today is largely a leader of groups*, said Supt. Webster. The thing we are after is to get self-activity among the pupils. It has been found out that children working under the co-operative method, like to work just as much as to play.

The method of study is valuable to the children who need help—a little lift before the teacher gets around to them. Frequently a child can teach another child better than the teacher herself.

The tutoring is of greater value to the helper who has learned his lesson than to the one taught, for instead of sitting idle the teaching student is still struggling with the subject and strengthening his mind.

The cooperative method places responsibility upon the children, and it is good training for citizenship by inculcating the spirit of give and take—each for all and all for each.

Co-operative study and pupil teaching develops leadership. From the standpoint of the *Server* the pupils are being daily taught to live the Christly type of life by *active service*.

#### AFTER FUNDAMENTALISM WHAT?

*Fundamentalism is on the wane*, says Doctor William Allen Brown, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Union Theological Seminary, according to the *Literary Digest* of Oct 2nd.

Many predictions are being made today by forward-looking thinkers as to what doctrines concerning the personality of Jesus, the Christ, will follow fundamentalism.

From the standpoint of the fact of Evolution, The Order of the Star in the East has a definite answer to the question.

Members of this Order believe in the early coming of another great world-teacher who will bring a great and necessary message to all humanity. The Order holds this conviction because they are evolutionists, and historians, and possess spiritual vision and understanding of universal realities.

These people reason as follows: (1) Evolution shows that *history repeats itself*; that everything that now is has come out of the past; and that the

fleeting present is ever evolving a future, laden with higher and higher types of humanity.

(2) By the light of universal history, then, it becomes evident that during all the past cycles, all religious systems have been revealed to receptive individuals by higher spiritual beings (the great Brotherhood of men made perfect), as illustrated by the life and teachings of Zoroaster, Buddha, and Jesus of Nazareth.

(3) Judging the future by past cycles of achievement, they believe that the message will be *the truth of being*, expressed by the law of reincarnation, and the fact of karma, which should be regarded as the *conservation* of spiritual energy manifesting the eternalism of the soul; or in other words, the discovery of God and his method of creating.

(4) This order believes that the Coming World-Teacher will bring a much needed message, which will be scientific, moral, social and religious. In fact the teaching will contain all the great ideas that have made all past civilizations with an added increment of spiritual power gained by the experiences of former incarnations.

Should not such a spiritual religion presenting the facts of being in a full and scientific form be presented to all persons who are able to take the point of view?

What are we as individual members of our Order doing about our personal living, growing, and teaching from our point of view?

### QUESTIONINGS

Dr. Eugene Moore, in *The Standard*, of March, 1919, asks:

"What is service in the church?" Answer. "The Church is the place to study God's program for life—all life. It is the place to get light on every problem and question, and to get inspiration to walk in the light, so that God's will may be translated into private and public life, everywhere. This is service. This will make the church as great as she desires to be—a real community center."

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Words of Rev. H. C. Swearington, Saint Paul, Minn.

"What is the need of the church?" Answer,

"Humanity, turning away from the shadows of the post-war years, is turning to religion for a cure for its ills, after education, statesmanship, efficiency and all else has failed."

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE CHURCHES

Conclusion of church convention in 1924.

1. The Kingdom of God is universal. It includes every relation of human life.

2. The achievement of a World-order rests upon the Churches of the nations.

3. Christian nations should develop the right spirit and attitude toward the people of Asia and Africa.

4. The Churches should assert their loyalty to Christ as superior to every human loyalty.

5. Never again should the churches yield their sacred influences in the support of wars dominated by secret policies and pagan principles.

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According to the *New York Times* of June 22nd, 1926, the 13th Annual Congress of the *International New Thought Alliance* was opened at the Hotel Commodore on June 21st.

Speakers of seven different creeds joined in the discussion of their tenets as bearing on peace and brotherhood. Besides Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism were all represented.

Said Kedarnath Das Gupta, "Om of Hindu, the Star of David, the Cross of Jesus, the Shrine of Buddha, the Crescent of Mohammed—these are the witnesses of the cravings of mankind for brotherhood. Let us build on these foundations—shun the evil—choose the good."

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Concerning brotherhood, Arthur E. Holt, states in his book, *A study of the Practice of Fellowship*, the following,

1. Brotherhood is defeated whenever an undue stress on the form of worship causes men to exalt that which should be secondary into a place of primacy; and when such a sacred function as that of *worship* is made an instrument of pride and exclusiveness.

2. Brotherhood is also defeated by *worship* when an undue emphasis is placed upon the individual



and his experiences with God, to the neglect of man's relationship to his fellowman.

### COLLEGES AS BROTHERHOODS

Many of the Christian Colleges constitute splendid examples of what a Christian brotherly community should be. The law of service closely penetrates all their thinking and planning. Their outlook is that of a service organization. There is a fraternal spirit among the students, which is surcharged with religious idealism.

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Examples of Sermons in Books. The following books and many others are illustrations of sermons in books: Peter Clarke MacFarlan's *Held to Answer*; Dorothy Canfield's *The Bent Twig*; in *The Everlasting Mercy*, John Masefield tells again the story of the conversion of Saul on his way to Damascus. *Who was to Blame*, by O. Henry is a sermon on the neglect of parents for their children.

### A NEW RELIGION

The Los Angeles *Examiner* of June 19th, 1926, contains the statement that follows: "A new religion, 'attempting to blend all religions into one,' has been launched in the West.

"It is to be known as the Cosmic Religion. Love, Truth, and Beauty are its keywords, Christ, Buddha, and Confucius are accepted upon equal terms.

"The test of this new move is simple. If its leaders and followers are sincere, and their cult has something of real value to offer, it will soon become apparent to those around them by the kind of lives they lead."

### RELIGIOUS DOGMAS

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of the California Institute of Technology, spoke at Oberlin, Ohio, as follows: "There are two types of dogma—the fundamentalists and the atheists. Each has a religion that is fixed. Both are irrational and unscientific. The fundamentalist, denying evolution, holds to the six-day creation; the atheist denies any purpose in a universe he thinks is governed by blind force. Fortunately a choice of either is unnecessary. A third conception is to keep the mind open, and to adapt it to a growing world."

Dr. Millikan compared the minds of fundamentalists to children four years of age; and atheists were likened to children of seven years of age.

### THE NEW THOUGHT MOVEMENT

James A. Edgerton, of Washington, D. C., referring to the Eucharist Congress in Chicago, said: It is not only in New York and Chicago, and not only in the United States, but all over the earth, that humanity is being moved by a new impulse and awakening to love and universal brotherhood. We are now in the midst of a reformation greater than that even of Luther. This reformation is taking man back to the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule."

Mrs. Mary E. T. Chapin, president of the alliance, founded only twenty years ago, said it now has 10,000 members in this country, and scores of branches in Europe.

One of the cardinal principles of the movement is the healing of physical ills by the power of Divine Thought.

It is the opinion of many members that the span of human life may be 150 years.

"The first goal of evolution," said Dr. Grier, "is a body fitted to the expression of the highest mental, moral, and spiritual nature. A new line of evolution must be entered upon—the line of mental development."

### CHILDREN PREACHERS

The Los Angeles *Examiner* contains the information that Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, announced his plan to bring Undine Utley, a resident of Fresno, Calif. to New York City as an evangelist during the coming Fall. He says of her, "She is the Joan of Arc of the modern religious world. I regard this child as the most extraordinary personality in America today."

Rev. Paul Fountain, a lad of like age, whose home is at Hot Springs, Ark., met Undine on her way to begin a revival in Indianapolis, Ind. The two child evangelists compared their creeds, which both outlined as follow: We do not believe that man is derived from a monkey. We believe that the whale swallowed Jonah, and that Daniel was in the lion's den. We think that most sins originate

in dance halls. We are opposed to rouge and the use of cosmetics.

### OPINIONS OF THE NEED OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Raymond Calkins, in his book, *The Christian Church and the Modern World*, asserts, "On every side, the word comes that the greatest need of the world today is the *revival of religion at its best*. If you have a religion that can get hold of people, grip them and hold them, come over and help us. All over the land is a deep-felt need of God born out of the darkness and despair of the times."

### THE UNDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH MOVEMENT

One of the movements of the times that shows the spirit of our age is the growth in overchurched localities, of community churches, composed of individuals and denominations such as are found in any locality.

This movement was started five years ago by Rev. R. Lee Kirkland in Mitchell, Iowa. The special instrument employed to spread the propaganda is a magazine called *The Pioneer of a New Era*, now published monthly at Blue Mound, Kansas.

The idea spread rapidly over the United States and Canada. The great numbers of individuals and churches connected with the movement will be manifested in "The American Conference of Undenominational Churches" to be held in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 5 to 8th, 1926.

Divisional Conferences have also developed in the Eastern States and in one known as "The Kansas-Oklahoma and Missouri Conference."

A foreign missionary enterprise has been started, under the care of Rev. G. P. Tasker among Hindu, and Moslem students at the Calcutta University. More will be given later.

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## SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Field Secretaries Indicated  
at Ends of Articles.

### PRISON NOTES

The State Board of Prison directors in California has issued for adoption at the next Legislature, one of the most progressive programs that has yet come to my notice. I will give you a few of the most important items that appear, selecting those that are in accord with the work of our organization:

1. A plan of financing prison road camps to enable the steady employment on the highways of not less than 1,000 men.

2. Immediate construction of 1,000 new cells at San Quentin and a like number at Folsom.

3. Acquisition of farming land at both San Quentin and Folsom.

4. Construction of an additional industrial unit at Folsom.

5. The placing of the industrial program on a wage basis, with definite regulations as to the expenditure of these wages by prisoners, as now is in effect relative to the prison road camps.

6. Enlargement of a Tuberculosis hospital at Folsom and the enlargement of hospital facilities at both prisons.

7. Provision of adequate facilities and quarters for educational work.

8. A rearrangement of both the prisons and sufficient additions thereto to enable the Board to work out a new plan for segregation of prisoners.

9. Construction of additional quarters and recreation rooms for the prison employes.

All persons in California who are interested in the betterment of the conditions, not only in California but in other states, should put their shoulders to the wheel and see that this program is adopted. If this state carries through such a plan it will have some effect, I am sure, on the other state in the Union. To help, we should talk about it, praise the attitude of the Board, commend their attitude toward the men that are under their care.



We must realize that we are leaving the idea of punishment quite a way behind and approaching very rapidly the idea of reformation. Have you ever stopped to think about the man's family after he is put in prison? In many cases the family suffers a great deal more than the man who is put behind the walls for punishment. The mother and wife must seek employment, many times by the day, the children are often placed in a home and it is a constant struggle for the mother to keep the home and little ones together. Therefore you can see how absolutely necessary it is that some provision be made so that the man in prison can earn and send a portion of that earning to his family. Those interested in the women's problem; those working for the betterment of children of today, must realize what a work there is in this department and how closely it is concerned with Prison work.

The National Society of Penal Information of which the late Thomas Mott Osborne was the head, has issued its biennial report, called *Handbook of American Prisons*, 1926.

It groups the faults of the prisons in this order: Lack of effort to turn the convict out fitted for better citizenship; cruel punishment; unfit cells; poor culinary and feeding arrangements; depressing forms of discipline; contract labor; lack of interest in the individual; and worst of all, idleness or employment that adds no value to the prisoner's attainments. Minnesota remains foremost in economic use of convicts and makes best provision for their families. They receive from 25¢ to \$1.10 per day, average return per man being 50¢;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the men have dependents. Fault, "in the industrial development the individual appears to be swallowed by the great industrial machine."

In contrast the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City is accounted as "one of the worst among those covered in the report. In the old cell house there are 809 Negroes in 152 cells—no plumbing or ventilation.

Nevada has the smallest prison in the country and the greatest proportion of idleness. Punishment cells are still in use, and found dirty, infected by mice and gopher snakes, but the latter condition, we are told has been remedied.

New Hampshire convicts make furniture under contract. Wages are 10¢ per day, plus a piece-work system.

The meals in the Trenton prison in New Jersey are served cafeteria plan. The diet, we are told, is better than in most prisons.

Ohio comes in for sharp criticism. Prisoners under punishment stand eight or more hours a day in a close-fitting semi-circular steel cage. It is cruelly constructed, in the interest of the guards in case a prisoner should go insane under the torture. Eight hundred convicts are marched into one large room to sit there all day long, silent and miserable. A suicide's cell is allowed to bear the reputation of being haunted and used as a scare for convicts of low mentality.

Indiana affords a pleasing contrast to her sister state. Prisoners are paid and send funds home to their families, and they have large and livable dormitories. They lack social and constructive education. Iowa manages to find work for but half her convicts. Connecticut still uses the contract system. Shirt-making is the occupation under the prison contract system. Women are few in the prisons; New York state has eighty-three and California has eight women at this time.

The workers should get their needs before the people. Get one of the Legislative men to recommend for you the necessary changes in your locality and put the recommendations in the newspapers with comments and gather around you a group of club women or business men that will aid this work. Keep before you the thought that these men and women are human beings, and each one has a soul and is entitled to the proper kind of help and training and that we are Stewards in this work and it is the Master's work. Let's do something for Him. Let me know the bills before your legislature that are for prison betterment, I would like to hear from all workers.

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When you order *At the Feet* copies, please make it "cash with order."

Each copy of *At the Feet* is like a homing pigeon; it brings back a blessing to the sender. Of course you have to send out a homing pigeon first or it can't bring anything back.



## CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILD

Christmas, the birthday of the Christ! To those of us who have been born into the Christian religion there is no more beautiful time of the year than Christmas. To those of us who are Star members and know the wonderful truth that He is drawing very near the earth again, there should be a great spiritual uplift during this season.

What are we who know this wondrous news doing to make this Christmas significant? What can we do? Always I seem to think first of what we can do for the children. For years I have thought that those of us who are associated with children in any way miss a very great opportunity if we do not tell them about the spirit of Christmas.

What does your child (he may be a pupil, or one of many in an orphanage, a nephew, a niece or your own child) think and feel about Christmas? Does his Christmas center around the things he wants and the things he receives? Or have you told him of the beautiful spirit of giving?

Whenever a child comes into your home, you accept it as your duty to feed that small body, that it may grow strong and serve him properly in after years. It is even more your duty, it is your privilege to feed that soul, who has been intrusted to your care, emotionally and spiritually, that he may "live more abundantly." We are told by psychologists and others who have made this a life study, that we cannot begin too early to train a child; before they are consciously functioning on the physical plane, they are contacting the thoughts of their family and forming their ideals. So it is no excuse to say we will tell a child as soon as he is old enough to understand.

There are such beautiful things to tell a child about the Christ and the spirit of giving. I have never known a child, who did not love the story of the birth of Jesus. They can understand about a Love great enough to give the flowers, the birds, the trees, animals and snow. Then the Supreme Gift of a Son who lived everything so greatly that he was called the Lord of Love and came to teach us to love everybody and everything, is not too much for them to see. They can and do feel a nearness to this King, who was born as a baby in Bethlehem.

The story is ever new to them, ever interesting and it helps them with the spirit of giving, but

it is practice in actual giving and the example they see in their surroundings that brings the great truth home to them gives them the real joy. You who serve and love the service—and all mothers, teachers, and children's workers should—why not teach the children that the love of Christ is a daily gift? That He came to serve and that He comes again to give and give and give of His great love and wisdom?

Let the child give things he has made or bought or part of the things he has received, to others just as an example, I might suggest that a crippled children's hospital is a good place to start in giving. Teach him to give of himself also, any service to mother to teacher or to a friend may be seen in the light of a gift. Of course we know that the spirit of giving should be carried in our hearts throughout the year, but Christmas offers such a convenient time to teach it to children, such a convenient time to demonstrate that we Star members have learned that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Oh you, who want to help hasten His coming, and who of us do not, you can find no work where the response is greater than with children! They respond so quickly to an ideal, they accept so naturally the things of the spirit. It is not enough that we know about the great cyclic law and that the World Teacher is coming again soon, perhaps even now. We must make our contacts with groups outside, who do not know, that we may tell them the News, that we may demonstrate the difference this knowledge can and must make.

There are still a few groups who have not offered to do any children's work, can't the spirit of Christmas make them feel that even in their busy lives they can do this one more thing?

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## HEALTH

### DESIRING IDEAL HEALTH

To have really healthy bodies one must desire radiant health. The desire for health need not imply selfishness. There is a larger view point, such as prompts a housekeeper to have clean windows—not that she may have the privilege of being called immaculate, not that she may better see the neighbors, but that more light may enter and make a happier surrounding. It is from this view point that we should desire health. Each one has the capacity to make better surroundings and with a healthy body that capacity can be greatly enhanced.

There is a great power latent in desire. It is the force that creates opportunities and moulds destinies. As we look over the field of our acquaintances we can see people who have conquered almost unsurmountable difficulties because they *desired* strongly. The results of desire can be seen in every phase of life and in every undertaking. Any physician can enumerate cases wherein the patient's desire to get well was the greatest remedy in the process of healing. I will cite a striking case that shows prominently the value of such desire. A woman was seriously mangled in a runaway smash-up. For hours she lay unconscious. Broken bones and serious internal injuries made the case look hopeless. The doctor who had been summoned said there was no possible chance for recovery. When she regained consciousness for a moment he gently informed her that the passing was near. At this she seemed to rouse her every energy, and she said: "I *will* live, I *will* get well and probably live longer than you." Paradoxical enough it sounded, but it was true. The strong desire to live brought to the aid of her body the forces of the higher Self, the power of the will. This creative force so permeated her being that bones, blood-vessels, and muscles knit in almost perfect repair.

On the other hand you have probably seen someone who has had an ideal shattered and so lost the desire to live. He broke down mentally, emotionally and physically. But let such a one find another ideal. A glimpse of the ideal will arouse in him the desire to regain the capacity to attain it. He rallies as though he had drunk from the fountain of eternal strength.

Only to desire to be really healthy will not bring health. It must be followed by thoughtful action. One cannot expect, when violating the laws of Nature, to invoke a state of health by merely desiring it however lofty the ideal he wishes to serve. We must be cautious, as someone has said, that we "develop not only our wish-bone but also our backbone." The desire for a healthy body must be supported with understanding and action.

Strange as it may seem there are those who find advantages in being sick. It offers a chance for excuses, for procrastination, and for gaining sympathy. Because of these apparent advantages an ailment is sometimes almost embraced and petted. Physicians see so much of this. Many times when the physical pains disappear the ailment becomes a pet of the emotional and mental bodies, and the individual finds himself so 'indisposed,' 'subject to things,' or 'weak constitutionally.' Though he wants to be free from suffering, some type of indisposition is such a splendid hand-maid. These are the attitudes we must overcome, for most of us possess them in a greater or lesser degree. These attitudes possess a negative neutralizing force that keeps us from being really healthy, really useful.

The condition of health in which we find ourselves at the present is a result of our past desires. These must expend their force, that is karma. This force can be perpetuated by making a hobby of our illnesses or by persisting in the cravings that first generated the force. What we desire now affects the future, therefore let us desire to be really healthy.

As members of the *Star* we are entering a period of great service. Let our thoughts, our desires and our actions work as one in perfecting strong, radiant bodies—for with strong bodies we can better serve the Teachers of humanity, we can carry a greater load and carry it longer. We live for these great Teachers. Let us build our bodies for ideal service.

H. A. S.

Headquarters has on hand a considerable supply of Heralds of the Star, of the issues from October, 1925, onward. No doubt many of our members will be glad to have some of these magazines, for their own reading and to use as propaganda. In every one of them there is some inspiring message from the Head, and the January and February issues are especially important, the latter containing the addresses given on Star Day at Adyar.

## WOMEN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

### HAWAIIAN PROBLEMS

[In an interesting survey of conditions in Hawaii, sent to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hoit, Board of Trade, Chicago, the following passages occur.]

Out here most of us have more leisure than you of the mainland cities; more time for meditation and contemplation. If the thought and emotions of our community are rightly guided, what might we not accomplish? Is it the Speed Demon which shuts out much of the Spiritual Vision of the Americans?

In solving the problems for this Territory, I would suggest as the first step, that a book be published, giving some reasons as to the *why* of the control of the sex urge from occult knowledge, also an explanation of the terrible harm done the pineal, pituitary and other glands of the body by indulgence in drink or drugs, preventing in many many cases any chance of advancement—explaining in simple language the unswerving law of Karma and reincarnation. The discriminate placing of such a book among the various peoples in their own language, accompanied wherever possible by personal contact of earnest, understanding volunteers, would be of inestimable value.

Able workers of the Star who know the Life and can Live it, who with sympathy and understanding would take positions in many walks of Life such as among Customs, Prohibition, Internal Revenue and Police Officers, leavening their minds with hints as to the harm done humanity by permitting the importation of liquor or drugs, would greatly minimize this menacing evil.

Unless we can make converts among the politicians, nothing can be done politically for a long time. The ring here is as solid as the Chinese Wall.

Scratching on the surface; believing themselves real dyed-in-the-wool politicians, women have been quite active, but with barely discernible results. Practically nothing accomplished but a doubling of the votes to be counted.

Anything affecting the lives of men, touches instantly the lives of women. Separating one from the other is a mistake, I believe, which has come down through the ages.

We would be likely to reach the young people of the working class by arranging to meet them in halls or homes several times during the year, giving them more knowledge of their souls and bodies; letting them have copies of *At the Feet of the Master* (but not as propaganda) providing too, for recreation and entertainment; that in itself would be uplifting; putting on, occasionally little plays, like those sent out of 'Youth Lodge' T. S. in London. Then the same methods to be employed in the military branches, bringing out with special emphasis that all races are equal in the sight of the Great Being. The best in the Hawaiians could be brought out through an appeal to his love of Nature, Music and Ritual.

A home should be provided for prostitutes who have turned from their degradation where they could be given kindness and medical care and helped in every way to overcome drug habits, etc. There should also be a channel in connection with such a home, providing them with legitimate means of support.

The social class could be reached by inspired talks at teas, garden parties, clubs, etc.

Much could be done with the Boy and Girl Scouts. Having, already healthy bodies they are more likely to have healthy minds, therefore they should be carefully trained by Star workers, holding them as entirely precious. Some such movement has been started by our Star brother, Baron van Pallandt van Eerde, of Holland.

Star workers in this channel should possess known ability in outdoor sports with the added knowledge of plant and animal life, nature spirits, etc. (*The Hidden Side of Things*, Vol. I by C W. Leadbeater, Theosophical Publishing House.) Little children, least of all should be neglected, but trained by Star teachers in kindergartens and at little parties for small children; story tellers might give them Star ideals. Tagore with his clear vision has much to offer for the training of young minds.

With patience and sympathy, working in the very dark spots, and all along the different lines, with each race from its *own angle*, great things could be achieved.

Our isles of the 'southern seas' are so marvelously beautiful and our people so unusual, many interesting experiments could be tried, therefore I have given you so much detail.

CLAIRE COTTRELL.



## THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN

We have just been reading two important National Magazines, the *Survey* and the *Server*. These titles sound alike and, in a way, the topics treated are similar. The word *Survey* carries to our minds acquirement of a broad knowledge of the condition of humanity and the needs of our fellow men, and the *Server* admonishes us to put this knowledge to practical use in the discharge of our obligations to our fellow men.

The *Survey* is published by the Survey Associates, Incorporated, No 112 E. 19th St., New York, and would not be called a cheap magazine. There are two publications, the *Survey*, twice a month, \$5.00 a year, and the *Survey Graphic*, monthly \$3.00 a year. It might be possible that your local women's club would be entitled to club rates. It may be possible also that the *Server* publication could obtain rates.

Mr. Kunz struck the key-note of departmental activity in a recent letter to Department Heads. He says in part:

"We have not fully got hold of the idea that our so-called reform work, the helping of humanity is something more than co-operating with existing organizations, or supplementing such organizations along standard lines. . . . The special feature of our work is that we consciously have the support, or should have the support of the Master Himself. There are plenty of well-meaning reformers and humanitarians and there are a few who work from the point of view of the soul. We are to strengthen the latter group. They are the only people who count. But more than that: we are consciously helping to produce a new Age, a new tradition, a new system from top to bottom. There is nothing we do not challenge in the Atmosphere of the Coming. . . . We must boldly take them (the modern women) spiritual ideas that will revolutionize their lives. Why does not every woman realize the state of American education and the cure? What exactly are we doing to strike the new note?"

Let us try to put his suggestions into practice in our various centers, and let us do some intensive radiating the coming year. The primary factor in helpfulness, however, is knowledge, and to those who desire supplemental reading that really sparkles and vitalizes with first hand experiences

we feel sure the analytical index of the October number of the *Survey* will be most satisfying in its constructive helpfulness.

Some of them are as follows:

*Child Welfare*

*Family Welfare*

*Law and Law Breakers*

*The Conquest of Disease*

*The Promotion of Health*

*Mental Hygiene*

*Immigration & Race Relations* and many others equally as good.

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## SEX CONCEPTS FOR THE NEW AGE

The Theosophical Press, 826 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, has published a verbatim lecture by Fritz Kunz under the above title; 25c a copy. The author's point of view is refreshing, and information about sex from a spiritual point of view is badly wanted. The field of inexpensive sex books is shared too largely by the grossly materialistic and the sanctimoniously ignorant types of literature. Here is something new.

## PREVENTIVE HUMANITARIANISM

In a recent article on humane work, we spoke of educational, preventive and iconoclastic methods. In this, we would like to refresh the minds of humane workers and suggest to others some preventive measures which are used to advantage in the larger cities of this country and elsewhere.

In a general way, these preventive measures may be defined as abstract or concrete. The abstract come under our observation daily. I refer to the various articles in our magazines and newspapers in which interesting tales of animal life and heroism are stressed. In connection with this, three well known writers at once suggest themselves,—Albert Payson Terhune, Emme-Lindsey Squier and James Oliver Curwood. These authors who really love the animals of whom they write, have done much to acquaint the careless and indifferent reading public with animal psychology. Writing as they do, from the animals' standpoint, they open up new avenues of thought, and by giving the reader a new view point, gain his sympathy at least for the creatures of whom they write. To know about an animal,—to enter into his psychological reactions, is in a sense to become his friend, and in so doing, to become sympathetic if not predisposed to endorse legislation in his behalf. It is impossible to overestimate the worth of Kipling's Jungle Books, and it is equally impossible to reduce to figures the value of interesting stories and anecdotes of animal heroes. This work is by no means confined to magazines. The writer can assure her readers from personal experience that many of the newspaper syndicates are not only interested in, but seeking real stories of human-animal interest. Parenthetically, any readers who have such stories and can authenticate them will further the cause enormously by sending them to the writer who will in turn, pass them on to a syndicate.

To make preventive measures concrete however, requires some sacrifice of time and pleasure, as this is largely a question of cooperation with humane societies and animals shelters. Abstractly speaking, the former are steadily gaining responses, for the average human is growing to realize the vital necessity of caring for our younger brothers. The importance of this cannot be stressed too greatly. The wistful and appealing of lost, frightened and starving animals who imploringly gaze at passersby is

a disgrace to all our cities; for while the cry of a lost child may meet a tardy response, the appeal of the lost animal is almost entirely ignored.

During the last twenty years, determined efforts have been made, not only erect homes for the maintenance and protection of animals, but for educating their owners and the public generally, into the ethics and economy of transforming pounds into shelters. In some of our eastern cities and in England, temporary shelters for preserving and giving out large numbers of animals, have been erected in connection and in cooperation with the pounds. A notable example of this is in Newark, New Jersey, where a large percentage of lost animals is ultimately placed in homes. In New York City, well equipped animals shelters are doing a marvelous work. These homes are in every case maintained by private charity, yet the necessity for money, although urgent, is less so than the necessity for volunteer workers. It is in this field of usefulness that every humanitarian can take part. In the Bide-a-Wee Home, 410 East 38th Street, New York City, a dozen or more volunteer workers could be busy from morning until night. The writer knows whereof she speaks, for it was her custom during her residence in New York, to give a week to this work. The volunteer in any department is invaluable, primarily because he inspires the paid helpers in demonstrating that no type of work is too degrading or unpleasant to be undertaken by them.

A few years ago, during the summer months, the influx of cats at Bide-A-Wee was such that it became necessary to secure a special attendant to look after them. Proper help of this kind was almost impossible to secure, attendant after attendant being tried in vain. Mrs. Harry Ulysses Kibbe founder and president of Bide-A-Wee, assisted by the writer then undertook to do this work themselves. It meant the inspection of some three hundred animals daily. These were segregated from those ready to go out into homes. The cats, many of them picked up in alleys, where a meal of garbage had been their sole sustenance, were in a frightful condition. Eyes closed by infections, running sores and other conditions too appalling to be mentioned, were encountered, and by systematic efforts, coped with. This meant not only the washing with hot water and disinfectants of some four hundred eyes and the treating of sores, but the individual feeding of the animals. To do this, Mrs.



Kibbe and the writer in overalls and rubber aprons not infrequently worked until midnight, but their example to the employees was worth more than money and eventually led not only to expert care in that department but to willing cooperation on the part of the other attendants.

Another important department is the commissary. Fashionable hotels in large cities discard sufficient food daily to feed every stray animal within a radius of an hundred miles. It requires tact and persistent effort however, to visit these hotels and arrange a system whereby containers are sent every day to collect the food. For many months the St. Regis hotel alone furnished sufficient leavings of poultry to feed all the sick dogs and supply the cats with bones. From the Vanderbilt, sacks of bread were obtained, and other hotels gave in like quantities. To accomplish and supervise this work, the aid of a volunteer worker can be continuously and advantageously employed.

A yet more important field is that of "follower up." This expression needs explanation. When animals are entered in a shelter, they are indexed on a card, and when given out, the names of the persons to whom they are given, are noted below it. To make certain that no animal is placed where it can be turned over for experimental purposes or in a home where it will be improperly cared for, a

dozen or more "followers up" can be used, for from this shelter alone some thirty to fifty dogs a day are given out. To make these investigations—report on the condition of the animals and make certain of their ultimate destiny, is a field of its own. This is the greatest need in all shelters, for when hundreds of animals are coming in and going out daily, it is impossible for the secretary to do more than to secure a superficial account of the new master, his home or ability to care for the animal properly. Could every shelter have sufficient workers to "follow up," untold misery, suffering and heartache would be obviated. The careless human who takes on and puts off the care of an animal as he would a pair of gloves, is unqualified to be trusted with one, yet one cannot diagnose the mental processes of the would-be owner in three minutes.

It can be appreciated from the foregoing that there is more than sufficient work in every animal shelter to give all willing, humane workers an outlet for their energies. The needs are limitless, and the more one cooperates in the work, the more one sees how marvellous might be the results if we humans would learn the lessons of patience and loyalty so pathetically presented by our younger brothers.

MARIE SALTUS

## Headquarters Notes

By F. K.

Annual dues of \$2.00 per member for the year 1926-1927 matured on September 1st, and by the time this catches the reader's eye they will be over-due by nearly three months. Membership in the Order does not depend upon payment of dues; the \$2.00 is the small sum asked from those members who want to be on the active list, receive the *Server* and be kept otherwise in close touch with the movement. During the last eighteen months, during which the American division of the Order has become an active agent in national life, the payment of dues has been an important element in our work. Please save the workers by remitting as soon as you can.

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In October 91 new members joined the Order.

The public information workers in the Southern California field continue friendly contact with the newspapers. A detailed report of a meeting held at Star Headquarters (which I was unfortunately unable to attend) shows that every opportunity is being taken. Practically every worker reports an open-minded press and several are able to give accounts of friendly papers.

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In New York, Captain Russell Lloyd Jones continues in charge of Public Information there. At my request, members of the Order in New York generally are referring reporters and publicists to him. This is a desirable arrangement, as it enables Headquarters to feel confident that by supplying Captain Jones with recent and authentic informa-

tion it is guarding our interests at the news gate-way of the country.

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Omaha, from the point of view of the Order, is an astonishing place. It has launched a campaign in which a lecture series is an important element.

The program includes the writing of over 1000 personal letters to doctors, lawyers, teachers, woman's clubs, barbers, the trades and professions in general, letters not stenciled or mimeographed, but personally written by the members of the local group. This is in addition to plenty of newspaper advertisement and articles. A form letter is modified to meet different circumstances and individuals.

The program was created by Mrs. Eleanor B. Ragan, local secretary, to coincide with National lecturer's visits.

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The effect of the Million Edition is being felt. Headquarters has lately had 300 letters of inquiry. Each letter is answered with further propaganda, and an application blank is enclosed likewise.

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It has been some time since I have given members the report on the Headquarters Fund. A steady stream of contributions has been acknowledged in these pages; and all must have noticed that we have not stressed the financial phase of our work very heavily. Notwithstanding this, the stream of payments trickles in.

The original cost of the Headquarters was \$15,700. Assessments and improvements amounted to \$1,062.09, making a total of \$16,762.09. We have paid \$13,250 to the vendor, Mrs. Morison. If we were to pay off the whole balance today it would amount to \$3,512.09. It would take ten dollar remittances from each of the some 350 members out of the many members who have not so far contributed to this. Failing that, by slower payments, a little more interest will accrue. Interest has been met from General Fund, so far.

In addition, if we were to count furniture and equipment into this Headquarters outlay, as we very properly may, a further sum of \$1,400 should be added. (The furniture and equipment have all been paid for, of course, long since. General funds bore the cost, however.) This would be a total of close upon \$5,000 still to be raised. This is 500 members at \$10 each. We need a charge of this Light Brigade, a noble five hundred! The sum

will come in, of course, day by day. But it would be pleasant to have it swoop down in one mail, as a sort of pre-Christmas present. Do you feel Christ-massy even now?

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A new department, of great value opens in this issue under the heading of Health. Dr. Henry A. Smith is our new contributor, and the opening article is precisely what we desire. It exhibits (if we may say this) all the important qualities; humor—wishbones versus backbones!—to flavor; sound common-sense; evidence of experience; the accent on health rather than on disease; a complete assumption of the spiritual and psychological factors. If Dr. Smith can give us such substance every month I prophesy a careful reading of his articles by every one of our subscriber-members and their reading circle, four to ten thousand people.

I have not consulted him, but I imagine that Dr. Smith will welcome questions. He may not answer them individually, but through these pages he will be able to give help to all, including the individual inquirer. Letters to him may be addressed 116 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Observe, please, how we are slowly building up our Service Departments as far as the magazine is concerned. Each month we are kept in mind of great matters, and charters are being written for animals, for prisoners and so on. I wonder, however, whether as much is being done out there in the world by the reader? Every day prisoners are suffering, animals are suffering, children are being misused, women are wasting their time, men are walking in darkness, and life is flowing down tortuous and sterile channels. Does our self-preparation move us to act for the right? Each member must answer this for himself and herself.

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I earnestly appeal to members not to write inaccurate or fantastic things to the newspapers. The other day I saw a copy of a letter in a *Voice of the People* department which said that the Head had "travelled 2000 miles down India, eating from rice offerings on graves along the way." This astonishing inaccuracy was signed by a member of the Order! How can we ask correctness from the Press if we ourselves start such silly nonsense afloat in the world?





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The photograph on the cover, of Dr. Besant and Krishnaji taken on their arrival in Los Angeles last September, is by the *Los Angeles Examiner* staff photographer.

On the conclusion of her American tour Dr. Besant, cancelling her engagements in Europe and Asia, will return to Southern California, where she will stay for several months. During this period the preliminary developments of the Ojai work will be accomplished.

We trust our members will do all they can to make the Center for the Americas a great reality. In an early number we will share with our readers some photographs of interesting places in the Ojai Valley.

F. K.





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